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This writing is to express support of Senate Bill 337, to eliminate the car wash tax. The State of Connecticut is already a very expensive place to live, largely in part because of burdensome taxes imposed upon its residents and businesses. This would be especially true for retirees, senior citizens, or disabled people who are on fixed and limited incomes. A seemingly routine task of washing ones car in the driveway can be easily taken for granted as not being much of a problem by someone who is not restricted by any physical limitations. In the case of someone with a physical limitation, handicap, or an elderly person, washing the car in the driveway becomes much more of a challenge or unrealistic option, thereby possibly prompting those people to make use of a nearby car wash because it is simply the easier and more sensible thing to do. The cost of the wash is already pricy and It seems to me that the car wash tax imposes an additional unfair financial burden on the segment of our population who are least able to afford it, not to mention the rest of our citizens. What's next, Do we tax the neighborhood kid shoveling our driveways or cutting our grass ?

I would also add, that I don't think it is just a coincidence that residents and businesses are leaving CT. Who's going to pay the taxes is the people leave ? Food for thought, I was recently speaking with a manager of a prominent moving company located in CT., who mentioned their company had done over 300 relocations in the past 11 months. I asked him if they were incoming or outgoing and he told me for every one move they made coming into CT, they handled 14 moves leaving CT. I found that to be pretty concerning.

Thank You,